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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:)	
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KENICHIRO UOTANI)	
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Application No.: 10/648,221)	
	:	Confirmation No.: 4314
Filed: August 27, 2003)	
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)	
METHOD, IMAGE	:	
PROCESSING APPARATUS,)	
PROGRAM, AND	:	
RECORDING MEDIUM)	April 30, 2009

Commissioner for Patents
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SUBMISSION OF SWORN TRANSLATION

Sir:

Further to the Supplemental Amendment filed April 22, 2009, attached hereto is a sworn translation of JP 2002-251713, from which the subject application claims priority.

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The earliest effective date of U.S. Published Appln. No. 2004/0141791 (Obara) corresponds to its U.S. filing date of December 1, 2003. The subject application claims priority to JP 2002-251713, which was filed in the U.S. on August 29, 2002, before the filing date of Obara. As such, Applicant respectfully requests that Obara be removed as a reference in view of the attached certified translation of JP 2002-251713.

In accordance with MPEP § 201.15, the Examiner is requested to confirm that Applicant is entitled to his August 29, 2002 priority date. Once the Examiner makes such a determination, the Examiner is respectfully requested to remove Obara as a reference against the subject application.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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